

The Reformed Lawyer;

OR,

Mr. BACON'S Promise to present the following Letter and Paper unto his Highness upon Wednesday the 13. of August 1656. Containng many just Exceptions to prevent the income of any Lawyer into the Parliament, who hath not visibly disclaimed the corrupt practice of the Law, viz.

For NATHANAEL BACON Esquire, Master of Requests to his Highness, these —

Honoured Sir :

His Highness is dangerously ensnared; and God hath given You an opportunity to discover the snares, and speake a word in season that Hee may escape the same. You know that by the *Instrument of Government*, Such as (and none but such) who are of knowne Integrity, fearing God and of Conversation are to be Elected, and approved for Members of Parliament; his Highness Oath, and the 17 and 21. *Articles* in the *Instrument* appeares: the enclosed Paper stiled the *Lawyers Looking-Glasse* doth prove; That all Lawyers and their Complices who have not visibly disclaimed the corrupt practice of the Law, are not fitly qualified for Members of Parliament. Neglect the aforesaid Lawyers, and their Agents did surprize, and induce his Highness to admit of no Exceptions against any man that was Elected for the last Parliament; whereby all were approved, and Lawyers and their Complices came without exception, contrary to the expresse words in his Highness Oath, and aforesaid Articles in the *Instrument*. And lest his Highness and Councell should againe be surprized, I humbly offer the enclosed Paper which containes in it Exceptions against all the practitioners of Law, for prevention of their Mischievous Devices to poyson the Counsels of the approaching Parliament, as they in the last Designedly to destroy his Highness, and the Common wealth; therefore I humbly beseech you, if you beare any true love to his Highness, seriously to heart these Lines with the Contents of this enclosed Paper; and forthwith consult Mr. Secretary *Thurloe* thereupon, to the end hee may accompany you the more emphaticall presentment thereof to his Highness: And should you either of you neglect this great Duty his Highness will have cause to looke upon Neglector, as a follower of him onely for the Loaves. Now that You may appear to all men faithfull Improvers of your many Talents, you shall not want the Prayers of

*Your unknowne Friend
and Servant :*

Aug, 7. 1656.

William Boaz.